

# *Ohio Spirits Association*

Representing the Interests of Spirit Manufacturers and Brokers

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The Honorable Julius Genachowski  
Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: IB Docket No. 11-109

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

I write regarding LightSquared's proposed national wireless broadband network, which would expand America's wireless broadband capacity, increase competition and choice for millions of American consumers, provide next-generation connectivity to public safety agencies and rural Americans, lower prices, and create jobs.

As the Commission is aware, America faces a spectrum crunch in the coming years. Smartphones use 24 times as much bandwidth as older cell phones, and mobile data traffic is doubling every 12 months. Within two years, our wireless infrastructure will hit a breaking point unless new capacity comes online – and soon. LightSquared represents the best hope for significant capacity expansion in the near future.

Given the many benefits of this proposed privately financed network, I encourage the FCC to help find a path to make this network become a reality. Ohio, with 11 million people, is one of the nation's more populous states, yet still has many areas with little or no broadband service. This lack of service comes at a cost to Ohio's citizens and businesses.

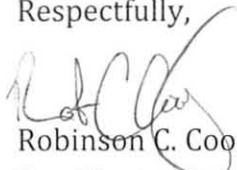
Through the work of our members, we reach out to every corner of the State to educate and market the sale of spirituous liquor. The sale of spirituous liquor is critical to Ohio's success as it funds JobsOhio, the economic development arm of the State of Ohio.

The critical nature of broadband has even been highlighted by our Governor in his State of the State address. While Ohio is investing public dollars to increase speed with which universities, hospitals and businesses share information, LightSquared will only enhance these capabilities by helping to ensure that all corners of Ohio and its 88 counties are served.

This issues is bigger than a single company; Ohio businesses rely upon the ability to share information immediately and the further delay of the development of a private network only continues to slow business and economic development.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Respectfully,



Robinson C. Cooper  
President